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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, MZ, EINV

SUBJECT: GENERAL TIRE COMPANY

1. GENERAL TIRE HEADQUARTERS IN AKRON HAS CONTACTED DESK TO INQUIRE ABOUT SITUATION IN MOZAMBIQUE AND SPECIFICALLY ABOUT ADVISABILITY SENDING 10 TO 15 ADDITIONAL AMERICAN EMPLOYEES TO MAPUTO.

2. COMPANY STATES THAT SINCE EXODUS OF PORTUGUESE IT HAS BECOME NECESSARY TO PLAN FOR IMPORTATION OF SKILLED SPECIALISTS SUCH AS MECHANICS, PIPE FITTERS, ETC IN ORDER TO FINISH PLANT.

3. PRESENT PLAN IS TO SEND 10 TO 15 UNACCOMPANIED AMERICANS FROM AKRON TO MAPUTO FOR PERIOD OF UP TO SIX MONTHS. GROUP WOULD BE HOUSED AT POLANA HOTEL AND COMMUTE TO PLANT. NONE OF GROUP WILL HAVE HAD ANY PRIOR EXPERIENCE OVERSEAS.

4. MAPUTO GENERAL TIRE MANAGER REPORTED TO AKRON HIS BELIEF POLITICAL CONDITIONS IN MOZAMBIQUE DETERIORAT-  
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ING TO POINT IT NOT ADVISABLE SEND IN GROUP OF AMERICANS.



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5. AKRON HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT OPINION ON PROPOSAL.  
DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S CONSIDERED  
JUDGEMENT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT IMPORTANCE OF TIRE PLANT  
TO GPRM AND ACTUAL RISK TO GROUP OF TECHNICIANS.

6. FYI: AKRON MANAGER EXPRESSED BELIEF HIS MAPUTO  
MANAGER MAY BE OVERLY CAUTIOUS DUE TO HIS OWN SCRAPES WITH  
GPRM AUTHORITIES DURING HIS EIGHTEEN MONTHS IN DIFFICULT  
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